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THE CITY COUNCIL MET IN STUDY SESSION ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2009, AT 4:30 P.M., IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM, WEST VALLEY CITY HALL, 3600 CONSTITUTION BOULEVARD, WEST VALLEY CITY, UTAH. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR NORDFELT.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Dennis J. Nordfelt
Russ Brooks
Carolynn Burt
Corey Rushton
Steve Vincent
Mike Winder

Paul Isaac, Acting City Manager
Sheri McKendrick, City Recorder

ABSENT:

Joel Coleman

STAFF PRESENT:

Layne Morris, Community Preservation Director/Acting City Manager
Kevin Astill, Parks and Recreation Director
John Evans, Fire Chief
Russell Willardson, Public Works Director
Richard Catten, City Attorney
Buzz Nielsen, Police chief
Jim Welch, Finance Director
Steve Pastorik, Acting CED Director
Nicole Cottle, Law Department
Shane Smith, CED Department
Erik Brodnum, Public Works Department
Dan Johnson, Public Works Department
Aaron Crim, Administration
Owen Jackson, Administration
Jake Arslanian, Public Works Department

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1. APPROVE MINUTES OF STUDY MEETING HELD JANUARY 6, 2009

The City Council read and considered the Minutes of the Study Meeting held January 6, 2009. There were no changes, corrections or deletions.

After discussion, Councilmember Burt moved to approve the Minutes of the Study Meeting held January 6, 2009, as written. Councilmember Winder seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Vincent	Yes
Mr. Brooks	Yes
Ms. Burt	Yes
Mr. Winder	Yes
Mr. Rushton	Yes
Mayor Nordfelt	Yes

Unanimous.

2. REVIEW AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 20, 2009

Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, advised that City Manager, Wayne Pyle, had been attending another meeting and would soon arrive at the Study Meeting.

Mr. Isaac stated one new item had been added to the Agenda for the Regular Meeting scheduled January 20, 2009, as follows:

Item No. 9. F. – RESOLUTION NO. 09-66, SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND INITIATIVES OF “BLUEPRINT JORDAN RIVER: A LAKE TO LAKE VISION”

Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, discussed proposed Resolution No. 09-66 which would support goals and initiatives of the “Blueprint Jordan River: A Lake to Lake Vision” project. He indicated this item had been presented pursuant to previous direction of the City Council.

Mr. Isaac stated the “Blueprint Jordan River” was a public vision for the Jordan River corridor’s future. He indicated elected officials and staff from 15 cities and three counties had been involved in the planning process. He further indicated between workshops, focus groups, open houses, and web surveys, over 2,000 people had given input.

The Acting City Manager reported the “Blueprint Jordan River” document focused on ten guiding principles, summarized as follows:

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1. Preserve and rehabilitate natural river features and functions to the greatest extent possible
2. Establish buffers between the River and the built environment
3. Restore riparian and in-stream habitats
4. Replace structural water conveyance devices with alternatives that allow for flood management plus improvements for water quality, recreation, and habitat
5. Reduce use of hardscapes and impermeable surfaces in and near the corridor
6. Manage storm water on site
7. Balance needs for development, recreation, and public access with River protection
8. Incorporate the River's natural and cultural history into designs for riverfront features, public art, education, and signage
9. Apply design standards for complementary development and redevelopment in the corridor to support increased visibility and recreational use of the River
10. Encourage regional transportation planning to connect communities to the River corridor, emphasizing non-automobile travel

The Acting City Manager stated in addition to the ten guiding principles above, the following five key goals were listed in the conclusions of the Blueprint:

1. The bulk of the remaining open space along the River must be protected
2. Water quality must improve
3. The trail must be completed through the 15 municipalities without gaps and the waterway must be convenient to navigate with no hazardous obstructions
4. An over-arching entity must be formed to ensure implementation of the Blueprint
5. There must be a variety of dedicated funding sources for capital projects, maintenance, and open space acquisition

Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, further reviewed the proposed Resolution and answered questions from members of the City Council.

The City Council will consider proposed Resolution No. 09-66 at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled January 20, 2009, at 6:30 P.M.

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Item No. 6. A. - INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, advised that Teresa Tate, Human Resources, would introduce new employees to the City Council at the Regular Meeting scheduled January 20, 2009, at 6:30 P.M.

Upon inquiry, there were no further questions from members of the City Council regarding items on the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting scheduled January 20, 2009, at 6:30 P.M.

3. AWARDS, CEREMONIES AND PROCLAMATIONS SCHEDULED JANUARY 27, 2009:

A. PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TOWN WATCH RECOGNITION AWARD TO WEST VALLEY CITY FOR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2008

Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, stated the National Association of Town Watch Recognition Award would be presented to West Valley City for its participation in National Night Out 2008, at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled January 27, 2009, at 6:30 P.M.

Mr. Isaac stated that for 25 years West Valley City residents had participated in the National Association of Town Watch's National Night Out Against Crime program. He further stated, this year, 35 known block parties and three City sponsored events had been held in West Valley City. He summarized the intent of the National Night Out as follows:

1. Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs
2. Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships
3. Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back

The Acting City Manager reported that for the fifth consecutive year the efforts of the City and its residents had been recognized by the National Association of Town Watch. He stated West Valley City had been ranked #22 in the Nation against other cities with populations between 100,000 and 299,000. He indicated, as a reference, some of the cities ranked in the same category included Orlando, Florida; Richmond, Virginia; Spokane, Washington; and Irvine, California.

Mr. Isaac stated West Valley City was a bit unique in its approach to the National Night Out program. He also stated most communities held one large City event,

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but West Valley's approach had always been to have families interact with one another in their neighborhoods. He reported that this year, 35 known block parties had been held throughout the City ranging from small gatherings with a dozen people to large gatherings with over 400 people. He indicated it had been estimated over 3,325 adults and children participated in the event.

The Acting City Manager explained groups would be asked to stand when their names were read and certificates would be handed out after the Council meeting adjourned.

B. PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL NIGHT OUT RECOGNITION AWARDS TO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, stated a presentation of National Night Out recognition awards would be given to Neighborhood Associations at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled January 27, 2009, at 6:30 P.M.

Mr. Isaac stated, in conjunction with Item A. above, a special presentation of awards would be given to Neighborhood Associations who had participated in the National Night Out program.

4. RESOLUTION NO. 09-67, AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO ACQUIRE, BY NEGOTIATION OR CONDEMNATION, REAL PROPERTY FROM DECKER LAKE VENTURES, LLC, LOCATED AT 2802 SOUTH DECKER LAKE DRIVE IN WEST VALLEY CITY

Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, discussed proposed Resolution No. 09-67 which would authorize the City to acquire, by negotiation or condemnation, real property from Decker Lake Ventures, LLC, located at 2802 South Decker Lake Drive in West Valley City.

Mr. Isaac stated although the required legal notice had been sent to the correct property address, the proper owner was located at another address. He further stated in an effort to comply with all legal requirements, notice had subsequently been sent to the owner. He indicated due to the noticing issue the process of the subject resolution must be completed again.

The Acting City Manager reported UTA (Utah Transit Authority) was currently negotiating purchase of 10, 510 square feet of real property and a 2,631 square foot easement from Decker Lake Ventures, LLC, with Clear Channel as a tenant. He also reported, at present, it appeared condemnation would be necessary to complete the acquisition.

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Mr. Isaac stated the subject property was one of the properties from which property would be purchased for the light rail station on Research Way near Redwood Road and located on a corner where the tracks would make a turn to the south. He also stated the turn necessitated additional right-of-way. He indicated the current right-of-way width was large, but under the road was a box culvert from Decker Lake that needed to be avoided, when possible, and the turn consumed more right-of-way.

Steve Pastorik, CED Department, further reviewed the proposal and answered questions from members of the City Council. Mr. Pastorik advised a formal public hearing had not been scheduled, however, the property owner had been notified of his opportunity to speak at the Council Meeting and/or submit written information if desired.

The City Council will consider proposed Resolution No. 09-67 at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled January 27, 2009, at 6:30 P.M.

5. RESOLUTION NO. 09-68, APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO THE CONTRACT WITH KRISER/WHITE CONSTRUCTION FOR THE 5600 WEST ACCESS TO CENTENNIAL PARK

Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, discussed proposed Resolution No. 09-68 which would approve Change Order No. 1 to the contract with Kriser/White Construction, in the total amount of \$15,835.52, for the 5600 West access to Centennial Park.

Mr. Isaac stated entrance to Centennial Park from 5600 West had recently been completed. He also stated changes, including those requested by UDOT (Utah Department of Transportation), were needed to complete the project.

The Acting City Manager reported that during the course of construction, several items had been added to the contract and he summarized the largest items as follows:

1. UDOT required specific traffic control procedures in the amount of \$2,546.00
2. UDOT requested epoxy coated rebar in the amount of \$2,028.00
3. UDOT required design change to ADA ramps in the sidewalk in the amount of \$2,300.00
4. Parks and Recreation Department added sleeving under the new driveway (for future use) in the amount of \$2,274.00
5. Parks and Recreation Department added ADA ramps in the amount of \$4,400.00

Parks and Recreation Director, Kevin Astill, further reviewed the proposed Resolution and answered questions from members of the City Council.

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The City Council will consider proposed Resolution No. 09-68 at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled January 27, 2009, at 6:30 P.M.

6. **RESOLUTION NO. 09-69, APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NOS. 1 AND 2 TO THE CONTRACT WITH STAPP CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE TERRACE RIDGE PARK PROJECT LOCATED AT 6260 WEST TERRACE RIDGE DRIVE**
Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, discussed proposed Resolution No. 09-69 which would approve Change Order No. 1, in the amount of \$13,266.00, and Change Order No. 2, in the amount of \$31,852.36, to the contract with Stapp Construction, Inc., for the total amount of \$45,078.36.

Mr. Isaac reported that when the original contract had been let for Terrace Ridge Park the surface of the slope at the back of the park was still under discussion and not included. He also stated Park Maintenance had determined the slope to be too steep for mowers due to being next to the fence, and had requested the area be cobbled. He advised cobble had been added with a change order in the amount of \$13,226.00.

Mr. Isaac further reported the second change order was for work on a flood control basin to the east of the Park within the same subdivision. He stated Public Works needed to get the basin landscaped, therefore, this item had been added to the contract with a change order in the amount of \$31,852.36.

Kevin Astill, Parks and Recreation Director, further reviewed the proposed Resolution and answered questions from members of the City Council.

The City Council will consider proposed Resolution No. 09-69 at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled January 27, 2009, at 6:30 P.M.

7. **CONSENT AGENDA SCHEDULED JANUARY 27, 2009:**
 - A. **RESOLUTION NO. 09-70, ACCEPT A GRANT OF TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT FROM DALE S. BELKA FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3549 SOUTH 5200 WEST FOR THE 5200 WEST IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**
Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, discussed proposed Resolution No. 09-70 which would accept a Grant of Temporary Construction Easement from Dale S. Belka for property located at 3549 South 5200 West for the 5200 West Improvement Project.

Mr. Isaac stated Dale S. Belka had signed the Grant of Temporary Construction Easement.

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The Acting City Manager reported the subject parcel was one of the properties affected by construction of the 5200 West Improvement Project extending from 3500 south to 4100 South. He indicated the easement would allow the contractor to make the necessary tie-ins to his property. He also reported compensation for the easement would be in the amount of \$200.00, which easement would automatically expire on December 31, 2010.

B. RESOLUTION NO. 09-71, RATIFY THE CITY MANAGER'S REAPPOINTMENT OF D'AN WADSWORTH AS A MEMBER AND CHAIR OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WEST VALLEY CITY, TERM: JANUARY 1, 2009 – DECEMBER 31, 2009

Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, discussed proposed Resolution No. 09-71 which would ratify the City Manager's reappointment of D'An Wadsworth as a member and Chair of the Historical Society of West Valley City for the term January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009.

Mr. Isaac stated Ms. Wadsworth had expressed a desire to be reappointed to the board and serve another term.

C. RESOLUTION NO. 09-72, RATIFY THE CITY MANAGER'S REAPPOINTMENT OF HARLAN BANGERTEER AS A MEMBER OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WEST VALLEY CITY, TERM: JANUARY 1, 2009 – DECEMBER 31, 2009

Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, discussed proposed Resolution No. 09-72 which would ratify the City Manager's reappointment of Harlan Bangerter as a member of the Historical Society of West Valley City for the term January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009.

Mr. Isaac stated Mr. Bangerter had expressed a desire to be reappointed to the board and serve another term.

D. RESOLUTION NO. 09-73, RATIFY THE CITY MANAGER'S REAPPOINTMENT OF CAROLYNN BURT AS A MEMBER OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WEST VALLEY CITY, TERM: JANUARY 1, 2009 – DECEMBER 31, 2009

Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, discussed proposed Resolution No. 09-73 which would ratify the City Manager's reappointment of Carolynn Burt as a member of the Historical Society of West Valley City for the term January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009.

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Mr. Isaac stated Ms. Burt had expressed a desire to be reappointed to the board and serve another term.

E. RESOLUTION NO. 09-74, RATIFY THE CITY MANAGER'S REAPPOINTMENT OF MIKE CHRISTENSEN AS A MEMBER OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WEST VALLEY CITY, TERM: JANUARY 1, 2009 – DECEMBER 31, 2009

Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, discussed proposed Resolution No. 09-74 which would ratify the City Manager's reappointment of Mike Christensen as a member of the Historical Society of West Valley City for the term January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009.

Mr. Isaac stated Mr. Christensen had expressed a desire to be reappointed to the board and serve another term.

F. RESOLUTION NO. 09-75, RATIFY THE CITY MANAGER'S REAPPOINTMENT OF NICCI WADSWORTH AS A MEMBER OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WEST VALLEY CITY, TERM: JANUARY 1, 2009 – DECEMBER 31, 2009

Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, discussed proposed Resolution No. 09-75 which would ratify the City Manager's reappointment of Nicci Wadsworth as a member of the Historical Society of West Valley City for the term January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009.

Mr. Isaac stated Ms. Wadsworth had expressed a desire to be reappointed to the board and serve another term.

G. RESOLUTION NO. 09-76, RATIFY THE CITY MANAGER'S REAPPOINTMENT OF BARBARA WATT AS A MEMBER OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WEST VALLEY CITY, TERM: JANUARY 1, 2009 – DECEMBER 31, 2009

Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, discussed proposed Resolution No. 09-76 which would ratify the City Manager's reappointment of Barbara Watt as a member of the Historical Society of West Valley City for the term January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009.

Mr. Isaac stated Ms. Watt had expressed a desire to be reappointed to the board and serve another term.

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H. RESOLUTION NO. 09-77, RATIFY THE CITY MANAGER’S REAPPOINTMENT OF RON WATT AS A MEMBER OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WEST VALLEY CITY, TERM: JANUARY 1, 2009 – DECEMBER 31, 2009

Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, discussed proposed Resolution No. 09-77 which would ratify the City Manager’s reappointment of Ron Watt as a member of the Historical Society of West Valley City for the term January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009.

Mr. Isaac stated Mr. Watt had expressed a desire to be reappointed to the board and serve another term.

I. RESOLUTION NO. 09-78, RATIFY THE CITY MANAGER’S REAPPOINTMENT OF MIKE WINDER AS A MEMBER OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WEST VALLEY CITY, TERM: JANUARY 1, 2009 – DECEMBER 31, 2009

Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, discussed proposed Resolution No. 09-78 which would ratify the City Manager’s reappointment of Mike Winder as a member of the Historical Society of West Valley City for the term January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009.

Mr. Isaac stated Mr. Winder had expressed a desire to be reappointed to the board and serve another term.

J. RESOLUTION NO. 09-79, RATIFY THE CITY MANAGER’S REAPPOINTMENT OF DON CHRISTENSEN AS A MEMBER AND CHAIR OF THE WEST VALLEY CITY SISTER CITY COMMITTEE, TERM: JANUARY 1, 2009 – DECEMBER 31, 2009

Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, discussed proposed Resolution No. 09-79 which would ratify the City Manager’s reappointment of Don Christensen as a member and Chair of the West Valley City Sister City Committee for the term January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009.

Mr. Isaac stated Mr. Christensen had expressed a desire to be reappointed to the committee and serve another term.

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K. RESOLUTION NO. 09-80, RATIFY THE CITY MANAGER'S REAPPOINTMENT OF TERRENCE CHEN AS A MEMBER OF THE SISTER CITY COMMITTEE OF WEST VALLEY CITY, TERM: JANUARY 1, 2009 – DECEMBER 31, 2009

Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, discussed proposed Resolution No. 09-80 which would ratify the City Manager's reappointment of Terrence Chen as a member of the West Valley City Sister City Committee for the term January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009.

Mr. Isaac stated Mr. Chen had expressed a desire to be reappointed to the committee and serve another term.

L. RESOLUTION NO. 09-81, RATIFY THE CITY MANAGER'S REAPPOINTMENT OF KEVIN CONDE' AS A MEMBER OF THE SISTER CITY COMMITTEE OF WEST VALLEY CITY, TERM: JANUARY 1, 2009 – DECEMBER 31, 2009

Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, discussed proposed Resolution No. 09-81 which would ratify the City Manager's reappointment of Kevin Conde' as a member of the West Valley City Sister City Committee for the term January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009.

Mr. Isaac stated Mr. Conde' had expressed a desire to be reappointed to the committee and serve another term.

M. RESOLUTION NO. 09-82, RATIFY THE CITY MANAGER'S REAPPOINTMENT OF CATHY JENN AS A MEMBER OF THE SISTER CITY COMMITTEE OF WEST VALLEY CITY, TERM: JANUARY 1, 2009 – DECEMBER 31, 2009

Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, discussed proposed Resolution No. 09-82 which would ratify the City Manager's reappointment of Cathy Jenn as a member of the West Valley City Sister City Committee for the term January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009.

Mr. Isaac stated Ms. Jenn had expressed a desire to be reappointed to the committee and serve another term.

N. RESOLUTION NO. 09-83, RATIFY THE CITY MANAGER'S REAPPOINTMENT OF PAUL MAKI AS A MEMBER OF THE SISTER CITY COMMITTEE OF WEST VALLEY CITY, TERM: JANUARY 1, 2009 – DECEMBER 31, 2009

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Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, discussed proposed Resolution No. 09-83 which would ratify the City Manager's reappointment of Paul Maki as a member of the West Valley City Sister City Committee for the term January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009.

Mr. Isaac stated Mr. Maki had expressed a desire to be reappointed to the committee and serve another term.

O. RESOLUTION NO. 09-84, RATIFY THE CITY MANAGER'S REAPPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH MOORE AS A MEMBER OF THE SISTER CITY COMMITTEE OF WEST VALLEY CITY, TERM: JANUARY 1, 2009 – DECEMBER 31, 2009

Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, discussed proposed Resolution No. 09-84 which would ratify the City Manager's reappointment of Joseph Moore as a member of the West Valley City Sister City Committee for the term January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009.

Mr. Isaac stated Mr. Moore had expressed a desire to be reappointed to the committee and serve another term.

P. RESOLUTION NO. 09-85, RATIFY THE CITY MANAGER'S REAPPOINTMENT OF KATHY NELSON AS A MEMBER OF THE SISTER CITY COMMITTEE OF WEST VALLEY CITY, TERM: JANUARY 1, 2009 – DECEMBER 31, 2009

Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, discussed proposed Resolution No. 09-85 which would ratify the City Manager's reappointment of Kathy Nelson as a member of the West Valley City Sister City Committee for the term January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009.

Mr. Isaac stated Ms. Nelson had expressed a desire to be reappointed to the committee and serve another term.

Q. RESOLUTION NO. 09-86, RATIFY THE CITY MANAGER'S REAPPOINTMENT OF LAWAYNE REEVE AS A MEMBER OF THE SISTER CITY COMMITTEE OF WEST VALLEY CITY, TERM: JANUARY 1, 2009 – DECEMBER 31, 2009

Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, discussed proposed Resolution No. 09-86 which would ratify the City Manager's reappointment of LaWayne Reeve as a member of the West Valley City Sister City Committee for the term January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009.

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Mr. Isaac stated Mr. Reeve had expressed a desire to be reappointed to the committee and serve another term.

R. RESOLUTION NO. 09-87, RATIFY THE CITY MANAGER'S REAPPOINTMENT OF KEITH SADLER AS A MEMBER OF THE SISTER CITY COMMITTEE OF WEST VALLEY CITY, TERM: JANUARY 1, 2009 – DECEMBER 31, 2009

Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, discussed proposed Resolution No. 09-87 which would ratify the City Manager's reappointment of Keith Sadler as a member of the West Valley City Sister City Committee for the term January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009.

Mr. Isaac stated Mr. Sadler had expressed a desire to be reappointed to the committee and serve another term.

S. RESOLUTION NO. 09-88, RATIFY THE CITY MANAGER'S REAPPOINTMENT OF LILA WRIGHT AS MEMBER OF THE SISTER CITY COMMITTEE OF WEST VALLEY CITY, TERM: JANUARY 1, 2009 – DECEMBER 31, 2009

Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, discussed proposed Resolution No. 09-88 which would ratify the City Manager's reappointment of Lila Wright as a member of the West Valley City Sister City Committee for the term January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009.

Mr. Isaac stated Ms. Wright had expressed a desire to be reappointed to the committee and serve another term.

The City Council will consider proposed Resolution Nos. 09-70 through 09-88 at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled January 27, 2009, at 6:30 P.M.

8. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Upon request of Mayor Nordfelt, Councilmember Winder gave an update regarding issues discussed at the Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT) Legislative Policy Committee meeting he attended this date. Councilmember Winder distributed written information regarding the ULCT Local Officials' Day at the Legislature.

Nicole Cottle, Law Department, updated the City Council regarding the upcoming session of the State Legislature. Ms. Cottle advised regarding a change in leadership, there being no money due to the current downturn in the economy and

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other issues. She emphasized a defensive mode rather than offensive on some issues. She discussed the “hot” topics and issues of specific interest to West Valley City, including issues of interest to municipalities in general. Those issues included sales tax on food, water, land use, impact fees, ambulance, townships and wall-to-wall cities in Salt Lake County, transportation, and the economic stimulus package “wish list” requested by the ULCT. She stated a list would be developed as in the past with bills of interest to the City Council, but there would be no blog this year. She stated, upon request, she would be glad to arrange time with legislators during the ULCT Local Officials’ Day event scheduled the following week.

Ms. Cottle answered questions from members of the City Council regarding certain proposals and/or bills that had been or would be filed.

Mayor Nordfelt reported regarding a group that had gone to Washington, D.C. the previous week to request funding from the economic stimulus package for UTOPIA. Nicole Cottle, Law Department, suggested this could be an issue added to the City’s Federal agenda and forwarded to Ron Hamm of The Ferguson Group.

B. 3100 SOUTH TRAFFIC STUDY

Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, introduced Russell Willardson, Public Works Director, to citizens in attendance at the meeting and stated a 3100 South traffic study would be presented.

Public Works Director, Russell Willardson, stated he appreciated the opportunity to present and discuss information regarding 3100 South. Mr. Willardson pointed out the biggest issue was the perception of the function of 3100 South Street.

Using PowerPoint, Mr. Willardson and members of staff discussed information summarized as follows:

- Map of 3100 South Street and timeline of development in the area
- Wasatch Front Urban Area Future Right-of-Way included in the Regional Transportation Plan: 2007-2030 and a map showing 3100 South
- West Valley City’s Proposed Major Street Plan, part of the current General Plan update, and which designated 3100 South as a collector street
- Public Works has been implementing the policy that designates 3100 South as a collector street

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- Photos and examples of other collector streets in the City and posted speed limits
- Collector characteristics & comparisons:
 - Function is to connect neighborhoods to major collectors and arterial streets
 - 3,000 to 5,000 vehicles per day
 - Residential area
 - Houses fronting street
 - 35 mph speed limits
 - Two lanes with parallel parking or possible median with no parking
 - Examples: 2200 West, 3200 West, 3600 West, 6400 West

Erik Brondum, Transportation Engineer discussed the following:

- Speed limits:
 - Utah Code Section 41-6a-601 which states “No person shall drive a vehicle on a highway at a speed which is greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions”
 - Prima Facie speed limits: when there is no posted speed limit State law mandates 25 mph in urban areas and 55 mph on rural highways
 - State law gives local jurisdictions the authority to establish new posted speed limits for specific locations when based on a “traffic engineering study”
- Traffic law principles:
 - The majority of motorists drive in a safe and reasonable manner
 - The normally careful and competent actions of a reasonable person should be considered legal
 - Laws are established for the protection of the public and the regulation of unreasonable behavior of a few individuals
 - Laws cannot be effectively enforced without the consent and voluntary compliance of the majority
- Common misconceptions:
 - Reducing the speed limit will slow the speed of traffic
 - Reducing speed limits will decrease the number of accidents and increase safety
 - Raising the posted speed limit will cause an increase in the speed of traffic
 - Drivers will always go five mph over the posted speed limit
- How speed limits are established
 - Speed studies using 85th percentile speed (the speed not exceeded by 85% of drivers)

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- Drivers vote with their feet – a driver's speed is influenced by the appearance of the road and prevailing traffic conditions
- Aerial view of 3100 South between 6400 West and 7200 West showing location of signs indicating reduced speed school zones, trail crossings, speed limits, driver feedback signs, etc.
- Data collected in 2007 and 2009 on 3100 South and Brud Drive
- Plans to enhance markings for crosswalks

During the presentation, Mr. Willardson and Mr. Brondum answered questions from members of the City Council. Upon inquiry by members of the City Council, the Public Works Director advised staff would study installing a raised walkway or textured pavement and/or pedestrian activated traffic signals at trail crossings.

Acting City Manager, Paul Isaac, advised that Layne Morris would be Acting City Manager for the remainder of the meeting, and Mr. Isaac left the meeting at 5:24 P.M.

Mayor Nordfelt invited questions from residents in attendance at the meeting. Members of City staff answered various questions and heard some requests for additional marking of crosswalks and trails and more signs, including “no parking” in certain places.

Public Works Director, Russell Willardson, clarified the misconception that 3100 South would be widened and stated there were no plans to do so.

The City Council further discussed the above information, offered comments, and asked questions. Mayor Nordfelt summarized the discussions and concluded staff had studied and taken appropriate measures to establish the speed limit, but it would be good to work toward enhancing the safety on 3100 South as discussed during the presentation of information.

Public Works Director, Russell Willardson, distributed written information to the City Council and residents in attendance at the meeting.

On behalf of the City Council, Mayor Nordfelt expressed appreciation to residents for attending meetings and speaking to the City Council of their concerns regarding this issue. He stated the Council appreciated involvement of citizens in the governmental process.

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Members of the City Council expressed appreciation for hearing from City staff and learning more about the studies and process in determining speed limits in the City.

C. COUNCIL UPDATE

Acting City Manager, Layne Morris, stated the Council had previously received a Memorandum outlining upcoming meetings and events as follows: January 27, 2009: Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M., Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.; January 28, 2009: ULCT Local Officials' Day at the Legislature; February 3, 2009: Open House – Lodestone Park Master Planning Project, Thomas Jefferson Jr. High, 5850 South 5600 West, 6:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.; February 3, 2009: Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M., Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.; February 7, 2009: Financial Fitness Fair, Family Fitness Center, 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.; February 9, 2009: 2009 Crime Prevention Seminar, Topic: Utah Sex and Kidnap Offender Registry, Family Fitness Center, 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.; February 10, 2009: Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M., Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.; February 16, 2009: Presidents' Day Holiday – City Hall closed; February 17, 2009: Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M., Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.; February 24, 2009: Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M., Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.; March 3, 2009: Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M., Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.; March 9, 2009: 2009 Crime Prevention Seminar, Topic: National Inhalant and Poisons Awareness Month, Family Fitness Center, 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.; March 10, 2009: Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M., Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.; March 14-18, 2009: National League of Cities Conference, Washington, D.C.; March 17, 2009: Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M., Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.; March 24, 2009: Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M., Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.; April 7, 2009: Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M., Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.; April 13, 2009: 2009 Crime Prevention Seminar, Topic: National Alcohol Awareness Month, Family Fitness Center, 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.; April 14, 2009: Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M., Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.; April 15-17, 2009: ULCT Mid-Year Conference, St. George; April 21, 2009: Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M., Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.; April 28, 2009: Council Study Meeting, 4:30 P.M., Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M.; May 11, 2009: 2009 Crime Prevention Seminar, Topic: National Safe Kids Month (Internet Safety), Family Fitness Center, 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.; June 8, 2009: 2009 Crime Prevention Seminar, Topic: Graffiti Awareness, Family Fitness Center, 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.; July 13, 2009: 2009 Crime Prevention Seminar, Topic: Home Safety, Family Fitness Center, 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.; August 10, 2009: 2009 Crime Prevention Seminar, Topic: ID Theft and Senior Fraud, Family Fitness Center, 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.; September 14, 2009: 2009 Crime Prevention Seminar,

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Topic: National Preparedness Month (CERT), Family Fitness Center, 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.; October 19, 2009: 2009 Crime Prevention Seminar, Topic: National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Family Fitness Center, 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.; and November 9, 2009: 2009 Crime Prevention Seminar, Topic: Gang Awareness, Family Fitness Center, 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE WEST VALLEY CITY COUNCIL, THE STUDY MEETING OF TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2009, WAS ADJOURNED AT 5:56 P.M., BY MAYOR NORDFELT.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true, accurate and complete record of the proceedings of the Study Meeting of the West Valley City Council held Tuesday, January 20, 2009.

Sheri McKendrick, MMC
City Recorder

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